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In re: Application of
Gebreselassie et al.

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) Examiner: Blankenship, Gregory A.

Serial No.: 10/726,391

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) Group Art Unit: 3612

Filed: December 3, 2003

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For: VEHICLE COCKPIT ASSEMBLIES HAVING INTEGRATED DASH
INSULATORS, INSTRUMENT PANELS AND FLOOR COVERINGS, AND
METHODS OF INSTALLING SAME WITHIN VEHICLES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Response to Restriction Requirement is responsive to the Office Action (the
"Action") mailed September 21, 2004.

REMARKS

The Action states that restriction to one of the following species is required under
35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: Claims 43-58; or

Group II: Claims 59-64.

For purposes of providing a complete reply to the Action, Applicants elect the
species Group I (Claims 43-58) for prosecution on the merits. This election is made with
traverse, however, because the nature of the subject matter is such that it would enable the
Examiner to search the claims of Groups I and II together. Moreover, Applicants respectfully
submit that it would not create an undue hardship on the Examiner to search Groups I and II
together. (See M.P.E.P. § 803).

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CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

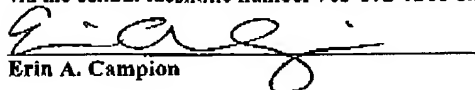


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